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SUBJECT: ODUBER DEFENDS LOPEZ ARELLANO

REF: SAN JOSE 1490

1. WIRE SERVICE REPORTS IN THE SAN JOSE PAPERS OF APRIL 15 QUOTE PRESIDENT ODUBER DESCRIBING THE ACCUSATIONS AGAINST LOPEZ ARELLANO AS "INFAMY" AND AS SAYING HE WAS SURE LOPEZ WOULD COME OUT WITH A CLEAN REPUTATION. IN AN INFORMAL PRESS CONFERENCE ODUBER ANNOUNCED THAT THE NEXT MEETING OF CENTRAL AMERICAN CHIEFS OF STATE, WHICH ODUBER WAS TO HOST, WOULD BE POSTPONED BECAUSE OF THE CURRENT HONDURAN SCANDAL. ODUBER REPORTEDLY COMMENTED THAT LOPEZ ACTED CORRECTLY IN APPLYING THE TREATY SIGNED BY HONDURAS, PANAMA, AND COSTA RICA ON THE BANANA TAX.

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2. PRESS DOVERAGE OF THE UNITED BRANDS/HONDURAN
SCANDAL HAS BEEN RELATIVELY LIGHT AFTER THE
FIRST DAY THE NEWS BROKE. COVERAGE HAS BEEN
BASED ALMOST ENTIRELY ON WIRE SERVICE
REPORTING AND ONLY PLN-CONTROLLED "EXCELSIOR"
CONTINUED TO REPORT ON THE SCANDAL ON ITS
FRONT PAGES. EDITORIAL RESPONSE HAS LIKEWISE
BEEN LIGHT. OPPOSITION DAILY "LA REPUBLICA"
DISCUSSED THE AFFAIR TWICE IN ITS SIDE COLUMN
ON THE EDITORIAL PAGE--IN THE FIRST INSTANCE
STRESSING THE FREQUENT CORRUPTION OF LATIN AMERICAN
GOVERNMENTS, IN THE SECOND INSTANCE PRAISING
THE QUALITY OF THE COMMITTEE OF HONDURAN
LEADERS ESTABLISHED TO INVESTIGATE THE SCANDAL.
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